



Orconectes rusticus

Rusty crayfish

General

1. A single female carrying viable sperm could potentially start a new population
2. Up to 10cm long

Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Inland streams and lakes in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Kentucky
2. Habitats
 - Streams, lakes, ponds, water courses
 - Varying substrata are suitable: clay, silt, sand, gravel, cobble, rock, woody debris; prefers cobble and carbonate substrata
 - Requires permanent aquatic environments; cannot burrow to escape dry periods
 - Prefers well oxygenated, 20°C—25°C water; tolerant of 0°C—39°C in native range
 - Prefers depths of 1m or less, but tolerant of up to 14.6m



<http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=214>

Invasion Pathways

1. Escaped from bait buckets

Sources

1. <http://nas.er.usgs.gov/queries/FactSheet.aspx?SpeciesID=214>
2. <http://www.issg.org/database/species/ecology.asp?si=217&fr=1&sts=sss&lang=EN>